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## AB 678 (Hall) – Education Technology: Internet Safety FACT SHEET

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### ISSUE

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Existing law requires a school district to have a current three to five year education technology plan as a precondition to receiving a technology grant administered by the Department of Education.

As technologies have evolved, the state's education code has not been updated to reflect these new technologies and the need for schools to assist a child in the safe use of the internet and mobile communication devices.

### SOLUTION

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AB 678 would update the state's education code to reflect new technology available to children, the responsible use of mobile communication devices, discourage cyberbullying and encourage local educational agencies to partner with information technology companies and non-profit organizations to provide additional tools on how to help children stay safe while using the Internet at school, home or on a mobile communication device.

The Internet is a great educational tool that can be used to increase student success, close the achievement gap and prepare our future workforce for the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century global economy. This measure will help children learn the responsible use of this evolving technology and provide important tools to keep children safe while on-line.

### SUPPORT

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